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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I had a conversation."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"What was the thing which the hon. the Law Member gathered from that conversation?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I am not prepared to divulge that."

Detention of Mr. Santa Singh in the Madras Penitentiary.

* 1028-B Q.—Mr. C. N MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Santa Singh of the Punjab is a State Prisoner in the Madras jail;

(*b*) whether Mr. Santa Singh was arrested on 5th November 1927 and whether he has been in jail since that date;

(*c*) whether any enquiry has been held relating to Mr. Santa Singh and whether any charges have been framed against him;

(*d*) the circumstances under which the Government have caused the detention in jail of Mr. Santa Singh without any judicial trial and without any judicial finding against him; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to enquire into the case of Mr. Santa Singh?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1028-A (starred).

Detention of Mr. Santa Singh in the Madras Penitentiary.

* 1028-C Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when and for what offence Mr. Santa Singh of Contepent, Amritsar, was arrested and confined in the penitentiary;

(*b*) how long he has been in jail;

(*c*) what was the state of his health on 5th November 1927 when, as alleged, his car was stopped on the way to Tindivanam by the Criminal Investigation department;

(*d*) what are the reasons for keeping him in jail without any trial;

(*e*) whether he has been made aware of the charges against him;

(*f*) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to acquaint him of the charges against him, and give him an opportunity to defend himself in a Court of Law;

(*g*) whether any, and if so, how many persons there are in the Madras jails similarly imprisoned; and

(*h*) when the Government propose to release him?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*f*) & (*h*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1028-A starred.

(*g*) There are no other State prisoners detained in Madras jails under the orders of the Government of India.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"May I know, Sir, seeing that the answer to clauses (*a*) to (*g*) and (*h*) is that the Madras Government are only the agents of the Government of India in arresting him, whether they are not the

agents to give reasons for his arrest? I should also like to know from the hon. the Law Member whether it is in keeping with the good traditions of British justice that a man should be arrested without any reason being given and detained indefinitely by their agents."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is not admissible."

Education

Qualifications of the Women Specialist in Physical Education.

*1029 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, in view of clause (3), sub-clause (b) of G.O. Press No. 925, Public, dated 20th October 1928—

(a) whether the Liverpool Physical Training College has any course of training dealing specially with systems of physical culture in India;

(b) whether there are any other institutions already recognized by the Government as equivalent to the said institution or are under consideration of Government for such recognition and if so, what they are;

(c) whether any knowledge of Indian History and Indian social conditions is considered by the Government as a necessary qualification for the post of Women Specialist in Physical Education; and

(d) what the qualifications of the present incumbent are, more especially in reference to Indian systems of physical culture and the social conditions of Indian women?

A.—(a) & (b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) The present incumbent holds a teacher's diploma of the Liverpool Physical Training College. She has experience of Indian systems of physical training and the social conditions of Indian women.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government what exactly the experience of the present incumbent spoken of in clause (d) is?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"She has had experience of teaching in Indian schools and so could understand the needs of Indian women with regard to physical training."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know for how long she has been teaching in Indian schools?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Notice, Sir."

Decrease in the revenue from the supply of electric energy to the Engineering College, Guindy.

*1030. Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the reasons for a decrease in revenue by Rs. 3,200 from the supply of electric energy to the Engineering College, Guindy, in spite of an increase by more than 13,000 units in the number of units of electrical energy generated between years 1926–27 and 1927–28?